

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1531- SB 2531

February 4, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds the deputy warden of the penitentiary and a notary public to individuals the surrender of parental rights may be executed before for individuals incarcerated in a state or federal penitentiary. Defines “putative father” for purposes of termination of parental rights.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Children’s Services (DCS), the department has the legal resources required to implement the improved termination processes without additional resources.
- The proposed legislation will allow DCS to better move children to permanency; therefore, the improvement in processes related to termination of parental rights could potentially shorten custodial episodes for some children. However, any recurring decrease in state expenditures to DCS is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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